

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 12, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

We are writing as members of the bi-partisan Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine to draw your attention to the recently released survey from the National Association of Counties, "The Meth Epidemic in America."

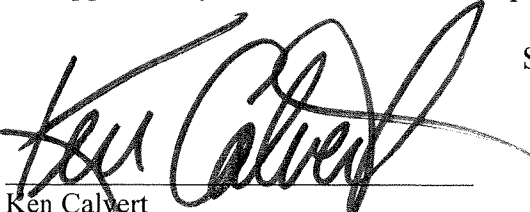
As you may know, the survey, released on July 5th, identifies methamphetamine as the leading drug-related local law enforcement problem in the country. Fifty-eight percent of the responding 500 counties in the survey said that methamphetamine was their largest drug problem, with cocaine at a distant second at 19%, followed by marijuana at 17%, and heroin at 3%. Clearly, these results show our nation's drug control strategy should make methamphetamine a top priority.

We applaud the Office of National Drug Control Policy's (ONDCP) release of the National Synthetic Drugs Action Plan and the Interim Report from the Interagency Working Group on Synthetic Drugs. We were also pleased to hear ONDCP Deputy Director for State and Local Affairs Scott Burns recognize meth as "the most destructive, dangerous, terrible drug that's come along in a long time."


Methamphetamine is our nation's number one drug threat and this survey from the National Association of Counties highlights how pernicious the meth epidemic is in our communities. As Congress moves forward to advance public policy and awareness of the meth epidemic, we look forward to continuing our work with you.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter.


Sincerely,



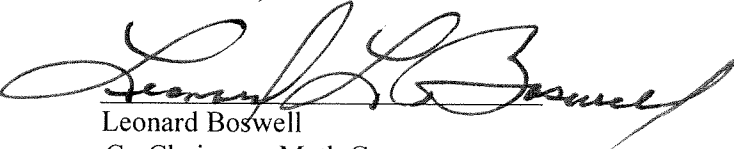
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